





CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Tree Mortality Task Force Mapping and Monitoring Working Group

Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2016

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 1:04pm at CAL FIRE's 1300 U Street facility. Also broadcast by webinar.

Meeting Chair:Webinar:Meeting Notes:Mark RosenbergKelly LarvieRebecca Ferkovich

Roll Call:

Attendees Present:

Chris Keithley (CAL FIRE)
Mark Rosenberg (CAL FIRE)
Kelly Larvie (CAL FIRE)
Rebecca Ferkovich (CAL FIRE)
Glenn Barley (CAL FIRE)
George Gentry (CFA)
Neil Fisher (PG&E)
Jeff Bodde (Caltrans)

Attendees on Phone:

Ashley Conrad-Saydah (Cal EPA)
Chris Fischer (US Forest Service)
Liz vanWagtendonk (SNC)
Rick Spurlock (IHI Power Services Corp)
Matthew Plummer (PG&E)
Russ Henly (CNRA)

Approval of Agenda:

- Agenda for 5 January 2016 approved with modification
- Added to Agenda: "Sierra Lidar Coordination Effort", added as item VI.d

Approval of Minutes:

- No previous meeting minutes to approve
- Duty to take meeting notes will be rotated among members
- Minutes to be posted to taskforce website after meetings

Reminders:

• Official process for adding new members and for changes to the group objectives

Outcomes:

- The 6-county area consisting of Tuolumne, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Kern should remain the top priority counties
- High Hazard Zones will be updated periodically, with the frequency under discussion and to be determined. The primary suggestion was for quarterly, with a suggestion to attempt a faster update for the first round.







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Outcomes (continued):

• Schedule Mapping and Monitoring Work Group meetings for the first Wednesday of every month, from 12:30 – 2:00 pm.

Action Items:

- Completed:
 - o Development of draft high hazard zones
- Update:
 - Tree Mortality Viewer In need of modification for viewing on small screen, and to allow printing of legend with map export
 - Review of Greg Asner's monitoring data Initial review conducted with some reservations. Resolve to review further and get permission to add to viewer if acceptable
- New:
- o Develop and write up the process for review of High Hazard Zones
 - Mark Rosenberg, Glenn Barley, Rebecca Ferkovich, and Kelly Larvie
 - By end of January
- o Field review of the High Hazard Zones in the priority 6-county area
- Coordinate with USFS within the next month to determine aerial detection survey update specifics
- o Develop monitoring subgroup for review of additional monitoring opportunities?
- o Develop technical working subgroup for detailed work
- Top Priorities:
 - Develop and write up the process for review of High Hazard Zones
 - o Review High Hazard Zones in the priority 6-county area

Next Meeting:

• Wednesday February 3, 2016 from 12:30 – 2:00.

Documents:

- Incident Action Plan (December 30 2015)
- Description of CAL FIRE's High Hazard Zone Determination
- Tree Mortality Viewer (http://egis.fire.ca.gov/DroughtEmergencyViewer/)

Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm (Length: 1 hour)